

## LACK OF NAVAL BASE

## HANDICAPS AMERICA.

COLLIERS BEING OVERHAULED  
AND SENT TO ORIENT  
WITH COAL.

Same Difficulty Encountered Now  
That Confronted the Nation  
at Beginning of the  
Spanish War.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The Navy Department is preparing for possible eventualities arising out of the situation in China. One of the great difficulties which would confront the United States in the event of naval warfare in Chinese waters is a lack of a naval base close to the scene of operations. Manila is 2,600 miles from Taku, while some of the other powers have bases within striking distance. England has a base at Wei Hai Wei and a coaling station at Chefoo; Russia has a naval base at Port Arthur and Germany at Kalachulo. Besides, in case of a naval war, the ports of China, which in ordinary times are open for the purchase of all ordinary supplies and stores, would be closed.

The same difficulty confronted the department during the Spanish war, and so far as coal is concerned the same method will have to be pursued to supply our war ships. A fleet of colliers will have to be utilized to take out coal for our ships and to ply back and forth between our squadrons and Manila. And even this plan has its obstacles, owing to the fact that foreign countries have gobbled up everything afloat which could be utilized for shipping coal and stores. Germany and Japan have even impressed steamers. The result is that at the present time 50 per cent of our government freight for the Orient is now being carried in foreign bottoms. Consequently prices have materially advanced. Freight charges on coal which the Navy Department was able to ship to Manila for \$7 a ton now cost \$9, and the price of coal itself has materially increased. The department would, therefore, practically be compelled to rely upon its own vessels.

As a precautionary measure the colliers purchased during the Spanish war, which had gone out of commission after being fitted out for service. The water ship *Arctus*, which was also purchased during the Spanish war, but which was procured too late for service, is also being prepared at the League Island yard. Modern war ships need fresh water for their boilers, and the supply of fresh water is indispensable if they are to be kept in first-class condition.

The Indiana and Iowa came to grief during the Spanish war because they were compelled to use salt water in their tubular boilers. Owing to the lack of naval officers available, the colliers on the Atlantic coast under orders for China are being equipped with merchant crews. There are sixteen ships in the collier fleet. Five others are either in Pacific or Asiatic waters. The *Saturn* and the *Alexander* are loading at the Norfolk yard and will proceed as soon as possible via the Suez canal. The *Caesar* is already en route. Admiral Bradford, chief of the Bureau of Equipment, today recommended that the *Leonidas* and *Pompey*, both at the League Island yard, be fitted out at once.

SERIOUS CONDITION  
PREVAILS AT NOME.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The Star this evening has the following: Captain J. C. Cantwell, commanding the revenue cutter *Nunivak*, which operates in the Yukon river and around St. Michael, Alaska, has written a letter to Captain Shoemaker of the revenue cutter service explaining affairs at St. Michael. He says that the smallpox epidemic at Nome has made it necessary, for the safety of St. Michael and the river settlements, to establish a quarantine at St. Michael. The revenue cutter officials joined with the officials of the army and they have overhauled vessels filled with refugees from Nome and compelled them to go to the quarantine station at Egg Island. Speaking of Cape Nome, Captain Cantwell says:

"The situation as regards disease at Nome is a grave one, and it is hoped that the true state of affairs will be made known in the States in time to prevent more people from crowding in to that camp, which is already in a condition of congestion that will have to be seen to be appreciated. The lack of sanitation, even in the crudest form, has rendered the place a quagmire of disease-breeding filth, and the wild struggle constantly going on for every foot of space renders it impossible to get anything done in the way of cleaning up the town. It will be a merciful Providence if there is not a plague started there before the end of the summer, and if the smallpox cannot be subdued before the cold weather sets in nothing on earth can prevent its spreading to all the adjacent camps."

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JOHN HIND ON LABOR  
FOR HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.SUGAR PLANTER INTERVIEW  
ED WHILE AT HOTEL CORO-  
NADO, SAN DIEGO.

Tells Californians Something About  
Honolulu, Island Plantations  
and the Great Question  
of Labor.

SAN DIEGO, July 27.—The San Diego Union of this morning has the following of interest to the people of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands: John Hind, owner of extensive sugar plantations in the Kohala district, Hawaii, on a several months' trip in the United States, was noted among yesterday's arrivals at Hotel del Coronado. Mr. Hind is accompanied by his wife and son, and also Miss Hind of San Francisco. Labor conditions are such in the Hawaiian Islands that owners of plantations are continually trying to solve the problems that face them. It is this question that brought Mr. Hind to this country. A number of the leading planters have decided to experiment with negro labor on their sugar plantations, as there are not enough Japs coming into their country to supply the increased demand. After a several days' rest at Coronado, Mr. Hind will leave for New Orleans and make a thorough tour of the State of Louisiana and the South, studying the labor condition of the negro.

Another gentleman thoroughly familiar with the South has preceded Mr. Hind to Louisiana. It is their present intention to employ thirty-five families at least to return with them to Hawaii. The pay received by those engaged in field labor is from \$16 to \$20 per month. Owners of coffee plantations have a way, according to Mr. Hind's statement, of waiting for the large sugar planters to import laborers and then taking them over to themselves, so that the coffee men have no great labor problem to fret about.

When Mr. Hind left Honolulu the harbor was crowded with vessels flying American flags, awaiting to discharge their cargoes, the delay being caused by insufficient wharfage facilities. Great improvements are in progress in the Honolulu harbor, however, and all delay will soon be avoidable. Honolulu is seeing her very prosperous days. The city has been struck by and companies (in true American style), who are laying out great tracts of land according to plans in vogue in America. Many new sugar plantations have been put out, and the returns for this year will exceed previous returns by several million tons. A railway from Hilo to Kohala is in course of construction, and upon its completion Honolulu will lose considerable of her trade. When asked if he did not think owners of sugar plantations would put up their own refineries, now that the islands were American territory, instead of shipping so much of the crude material to San Francisco, Mr. Hind said that was hardly probable at present, as the big refineries hold contracts with the planters for from two to three years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Hind are delighted with San Diego and Coronado, and are enjoying a pleasant visit with Secretary Wood of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Wood, who are old acquaintances, also spending a season at Hotel del Coronado.

## SHORT LOCALS OF HILO.

The Government has actually sent to Hilo two divers with instructions to ascertain the extent of the obstructions over the long wharf, says the Herald. A common every day taxpayer wonders why Rowell did not go about his work in a business like manner.

Manager Pfleger, of the Hollister Drug Co., has been rusticated at the Volcano House.

The Hilo Railway has been built two miles in the direction of Puna. As soon as ties arrive the track will be extended.

There was a swell dance at Paauhau Plantation Boarding House last Saturday night at which about fifty ladies and gentlemen were present. The wives and sisters of the employees were the hostesses and the evening was delightfully spent.

W. A. Baldwin of Waimea, Kauai, has been appointed manager of Kahuku plantation to replace George Weight, who has resigned. Mr. Baldwin will be succeeded at Waimea by Mr. Campbell. The latter was formerly head luma of Mokihoe plantation.

A certain portion of the Honolulu press considers it in the light of a huge joke that Judge Little in his mittimus turning over the Japanese murderer Fujihara to High Sheriff Brown concluded with the words "And may God have mercy on your soul." It was indeed something of a joke, but not on the Judge. There is a considerable portion of the community which feels quite sure that a prayer of this sort was never more needed, though they doubt whether it will have any result.

Master Mechanic Brown, of the Hilo R. R. Co., returned on the *Martha Davis* after a successful business trip to the Coast.

The Hilo Tribune says that it is expected when Superintendent McCandless comes up to Hilo, he will remove Rowell's bridge across the Waiakea and put a trestle in its place; the present structure is altogether too narrow.

Mrs. C. A. Galbraith has just received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Portwood of Terrell, Texas.

## ORDERED TO MANILA.

Members of the Hospital Corps Will Leave on the Siam.

The serious conditions of affairs in the far East is slightly minored in an order which has reached here.

Hospital Stewards McWilliams and Stark and ten privates of the Hospital Corps have been ordered to Manila. They will sail on the United States, transport Siam, expected to leave this part on the 17th instant.

Enough Japanese Laborers.

C. Bolts, Secretary of the Hawaiian Planters' Association, thinks that the labor problem will right itself. He says there are enough Japanese in the country to supply all present needs.

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Pearl City 8:05 9:45 11:40 5:47 5:50

Waialae 8:23 10:05 12:00 4:05 4:10

Waianae 11:50 4:45

Kahuku 12:25 6:15

INWARD.

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Waialae 5:25 5:45 2:30

Waianae 7:10 3:55

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